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EARTHQUAKE MONITORING LABORATORIES
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Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce earthquake monitoring laboratories in schools all over the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether the National School of Seismology Project has evolved strategies/technologies for handling the effects of earthquakes on human and infrastructure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a)-(b) There is no proposal to introduce earthquake monitoring laboratories in schools all over the country.However,a pilot project on School Earthquake Monitoring Laboratories, that has been sanctioned by the Department of Science & Technology and continued in the Ministry of Earth Sciences now,covering 100 identified schools in seismic zones IV and V in NW Himalaya (Uttaranchal,Himachal Pradesh etc.) and north eastern parts of India covering all 7 North East States.The project is under implementation since 2004 with a total cost of Rs. 4.0crores.Apart from installing the equipment in duly identified schools, series of training programmes have also been organised with the help of experts for the students and science teachers.

(c) There is no project on National School of Seismology.

(d) Does not arise.